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SUBJECT: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE VISIT TO VENEZUELA

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1. SENSATIONALIST AFTERNOON DAILY 2001 OF APRIL 5 CARRIES FULL FRONTPAGE HEADLINE "ADVERSE REACTIONS TO VISIT OF US ECONOMIC MISSION--ACCUSED OF INTERVENTION AND INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE." STORY QUOTES CTV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER JOSE BELTRAN VALLEJO AS DECLARING THAT GROUP'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA WITHOUT AN INVITATION CONSTITUTES "US INTERVENTION INTO VENEZUELA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS," AND THAT GROUP IS COMING TO CARRY OUT "ESPIONAGE WITH RESPECT TO IMPORTANT DECISIONS WHICH THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY TAKE CONCERNING THE NATIONALIZATION OF PETROLEUM, THE REVERSION LAW AND THE NATIONALIZATION OF IRON ORE." STORY QUOTES BELTRAN AS SUGGESTING VISITING GROUP BE DECLARED PERSONAE NON GRATAE AND NOT BE ALLOWED INTO VENEZUELA. STORY ALSO QUOTES EX MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT HAYDEE CATILLO DE LOPEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN ECONOMISTS, AS STATING ON BEHALF OF HER ORGANIZATION THAT SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE US SHOULD SEND "ARMY NAVY AND CIA EXPERTS TO INTERVENE INTO VENEZUELA'S ECONOMIC POLICY. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHAT WILL BE THE SCOPE OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS AND THEIR PURPOSE." SHE IS ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CAPABLE

OF EXPLAINING VENEZUELA'S ECONOMIC POLICIES TO OTHER
GOVERNMENTS WITHOUT FOREIGN EXPERTS HAVING TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY.

2. ONLY VERNACULAR PAPER WHICH HAS PRINTED EMBASSY'S NEWS
RELEASE WAS EL UNIVERSAL, ALTHOUGH 2001 AND ALL OTHERS RECEIVED
IT APRIL 4.

4. WE ARE CONTACTING LOCAL PAPERS TO REMIND THEM OF OUR RELEASE
AND TO ASK THEM TO TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT IF, AS IS LIKELY, FURTHER
REACTION DEVELOPS.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER WILL CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 8 TO
REITERATE NON-CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
INSTITUTE'S STUDY GROUP AND TO ASCERTAIN GOV REACTION TO THE
UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY BEING GENERATED BY THE GROUP'S
VISIT.
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